

Sri Lanka plans SEA Medical Council

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Sri Lanka is moving to set up a South East Asian Medical Council Forum, to formulate a medical education policy for the region, to maintain at least a minimum standard of medical education in all Medical Colleges in the region.

This was revealed by Dr. H. H. R. Samarasinghe and Dr. Ananda Samarasekera, President and Vice President respectively of the Sri Lanka Medical Council in an interview with the Daily News recently.

Dr. Samarasinghe said Sri Lanka thought of initiating this move, as the Sri Lanka Medical Council found that the Sri Lankans who have graduated from some of the Medical Colleges in the region were of poor standard, and the Medical Council had a problem in registering them here as doctors.

Dr. Samarasinghe said that the move could also

mutually benefit all countries in the region, as it will make it easy for interested doctors to find employment in the region itself.

He said the SLMC was hoping to organise this Forum before the end of this year.

The Sri Lanka Medical Council has recognised the following new Medical and Dental Colleges in 1999.

1. MGM Medical College, Mumbai.
2. University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh.
3. Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore, India.
4. K. Marunowski Medical University, Poland.
5. International Medical and Technological University, Tanzania.
6. Khyber Medical College, Pakistan.
7. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences, Nepal.
8. University of Zimbabwe.
9. Astrakhan State Medical Academy, Russia.
10. Faculty of Medicine, Thracian University, Bulgaria.



Sciences Land Corporation (Private) Ltd has donated a Tri-Lingual (Sinhala, Tamil, English) computer software package including a translation facility to the Ministry of Higher Education and Information Technology Development. The gift was handed over to Higher Education and Information Technology Development Minister Indika Gunawardena at his Ministry by Sampath Godamunne, Roman Manamudali and Dhammika Wijeratne, three officials of the company, recently. Miss Champika Divulgama was also present.

PA renders great service to masses

- Chief Minister

Kegalle special correspondent

"The People's Alliance Government has rendered a greater service to the common masses in Siharagamuwa in a very short period, since it was elected by the ballot of the people for a second term of government in October last. The masses have now realised, Minister Dharmasiri Senanayake, as 'Dharmasiri Senanayake Memorial Hospital', in recognising the role of the PA Government headed by the President when he introduced

physicians of much experience and competence. The Chief Minister said that today this hospital, built by spending a large sum of money, judged by today's standard, as we are financing a useless terrorist war created by a previous regime, is named after the late Minister Dharmasiri Senanayake, as 'Dharmasiri Senanayake Memorial Hospital', in recognising the



Letters of appointments were handed over to 56 newly recruited coastguards of the Coast Protection Force of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, recently at Mahanaga Mandiraya, Hambantota. Here the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development, Mahinda Rajapaksa handing over a letter of appointment to one of the recruits, GA, Hambantota district, Ananda Amarathunga is also in the picture.

Hambantota special correspondent

Well organised conspiracy to topple WPC

- Chief Minister

Panadura group correspondent

Reginald Cooray, Chief Minister of the Western Province Provincial Council said this Council is facing a series of challenges as a well-planned mysterious conspiracy operating against the WPC by certain politicians, bureaucratic officials and contractors. However he is prepared to overcome challenges with the help of President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, the Prime Minister and the people of the area. The cooperation of the people and the party councillors are necessary to overcome the challenges.

He was addressing a Janaganuwa held at Punchadeniya, at Thantirimulla, Panadura on Saturday to donate a house to a poor family in the area. The "Sevana" Foundation in the area constructed the house, with donations collected from the public.

The Chief Minister said a large sum of money had been used by the WPC to construct the roads but the major part had gone waste, as the roads had not been repaired properly. Therefore he decided to introduce a new scheme to operate in the WPC people's construction work and other development projects introduced by the WPC. Most contractors had duped the officials and collected the funds stating that the roads had been properly repaired, but when rain comes the entire road, become a muddy field with potholes. The Chief Minister said there would be a ruin revolution on the WPC when he named the lethargic and bureaucratic administration into a new system to provide a clean and honest administration for the people of the WPC.

He had traced better ways when he introduced

SSP plans system to curb bank robberies

Kegalle special correspondent

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Kegalle, Jayasiri Udawatta, has plans to curb all bank robberies and burglaries pertaining to all categories of banks in the Kegalle district.

SSP Udawatta, proposes to contact all the Managers and Deputy Managers and all those officers and bank security personnel involved in the transportation of large sums of money.

He proposes to meet managers and their assistants and officers soon at a conference to discuss matters of security interest to all bank management staff in the Kegalle district. In this respect all the key officers of banks in the Kegalle district will be intimated to be present at a conference very soon in Kegalle.

This is in order to make them aware of the tactics employed by the robbers in all types of burglaries.

The police superintendent hopes to eliminate robberies and burglaries and all prevailing threats by the criminals in making the managers and their deputies more knowledgeable of the ways and means of preventing beforehand of a theft or a burglary. He is of opinion that a thief or a burglary in any bank is impossible if adequate security in banks are provided and if all officers and the security personnel are always on the alert on the movement of a would-be criminal. He feels that it is the alertness, that is needed to get round a burglar.

So far in the Kegalle district no bank robbery has taken place, though so many attempts were made by thieves, owing to the alertness of the managers and the security staff.

Vigilance and timely action play a big role in the prevention of burglaries.

The SSP will soon meet all key men of all banks in the district for imparting the necessary instructions in the prevention of bank robberies and burglaries.

Mobile Police service every month

Nawalapitiya group correspondent

Nawalapitiya Police, instructed by the ASP, Gampola, have made arrangements to have a Mobile Police Service every month in different villages in its Police area.

There the general public will be made aware of as to how to avoid road accidents, reduce criminal offences in the village, women and child abuse, to refrain from smoking and using drugs, steps to take avoid corruption etc. Spot solutions would be found for complaints.

Preliminary arrangements will be made to obtain national identity cards and to issue police extracts.

A volleyball match, too, will be played and certificates will be awarded to the winners. A mobile health camp and distribution of spectacles too would be done on this day.